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GRATING ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF DESIGNING DIFFRACTION GRATING  
ELEMENT

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

**Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-040196, filed February 18, 2003**

**and**

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A Certified copy of the Japanese Patent Application will be filed in due course.

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